

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Interview held on January 30, 2007 and for allowing claims 1-4, 6-8, and 17.

Claims 1-4, 6-12, and 14-17 are pending. By this amendment, claims 9-12 and 14-16 are cancelled. No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 because the amendments (1) place the claims in better form for appeal if needed; and (2) do not introduce any elements requiring further search by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

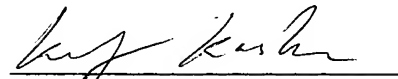
Claims 9-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for directing to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 9-16 are cancelled, rendering the rejection of claims 9-16 moot.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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